

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET**  
**HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	05/23/12
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	06/06/12
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	3
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Department of Mental Health (DMH)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Approval to renew 15 Clinical Assessment Service agreements which will enable D-Rate Assessors to continue the provision of clinical assessment services throughout Los Angeles County.
<b>PROGRAM</b>	DMH Child, Youth & Family Program
<b>DEADLINES</b>	FYs 2012-13 through 2016-17
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	FY 2012-13 is \$474,213 fully funded by Sales Tax Realignment (State Match) in the amount of \$196,606, FFP in the amount of \$227,607 and Intrafund Transfer from DCFS in the amount of \$50,000. Funding for future fiscal years will be requested during the annual budget process request.
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Approval will allow DMH to enter into new Agreements with 15 existing providers in order to ensure sufficient clinical resources to perform D-Rate mental health assessments of children and adolescents.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>Approval of the recommended action will allow DMH to enter into new Agreements with 15 existing providers whose contracts are expiring and with additional qualified, licensed clinicians in order to ensure sufficient clinical resources to perform D-Rate mental health assessments of children and adolescents who are under the supervision of DCFS. DCFS provides a D-rate Program for children and adolescents who have been diagnosed with severe emotional disturbance (SED). The D-rate Program is designed for DCFS eligible children who require additional funding to compensate for specialized care received in D-rate certified homes due to severe and persistent emotional and/or behavioral difficulties exhibited by their poor functioning at school, at home, and/or in the community. In the absence of D-rate caregiver homes, these children would require more restrictive and higher cost placements. These assessments are conducted countywide.</p> <p>The recommended actions will allow current and future contractors to perform uninterrupted, accessible mental health assessments to determine service needs and the level of supervision of DCFS children and adolescents throughout Los Angeles County.</p> <p>FY 2012-13 is \$474,213 fully funded by Sales Tax Realignment (State Match) in the amount of \$196,606, FFP in the amount of \$227,607 and Intrafund Transfer from DCFS in the amount of \$50,000.</p>
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